



REBATE PROGRAM RUNS OUT EARLY

Indiana Heating and Air Conditioning Incentive Program (IHIP) Helps over 15,000 Hoosier Homes Be More Energy Efficient

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(Indianapolis)—Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced today that due to tremendous consumer response over the last month, the Indiana Heating and Air Conditioning Incentive Program (IHIP) has exhausted its funding two weeks earlier than expected. The federally funded program provided rebates from \$150 to \$1,000 for qualified Energy Star rated furnaces, boilers, central air conditioning and heat pumps. With the depletion of the funds available, the program is now closed.

“Our streamlined, focused plan was a hit with Hoosiers,” said Lt. Governor Skillman. “And because we focused only on the most inefficient appliances, participants will save the maximum amount of energy and money.”

IHIP is the Indiana program that is part of the federal State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP). Indiana received \$6.1 million for the program. The program, which has been administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) opened February 1, 2010. Rebates ranged from \$150 to \$1,000 depending on the technology being installed. The average rebate was just over \$400. The IHIP rebate was in addition to any available utility company rebates as well as state and federal tax incentives.

The final rebate forms are still being processed but more rebate requests have been received than can be funded. Over 15,000 rebates were received and funded. The average rebate has been approximately \$400. The final rebates to be funded will be processed within a week, and applicants will be notified of their status within the next month. Final numbers, including information on statewide energy efficiency increases will be available later this summer.

“One of the keys to the success of the IHIP program was the active participation by Indiana’s heating and cooling system manufacturers, retailers and installers,” said Brandon Seitz, OED Director. “They embraced this program, and made sure as many customers as possible could take advantage of it.”

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state’s energy policy. For more information visit www.energy.in.gov, or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.

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